

# USHERING IN THE YULETIDE SPIRIT- Anjana Abraham

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The cheerful spirit of Christmas is spreading across the city with various organisations conducting Christmas carols and events to mark the festivities.

The effervescent mood is permeating through the streets of the city with the ubiquitous Christmas tree, decked up with wreaths made from artificial mistletoe, brightly-coloured stockings and colourful twinkling lights dotting the crowded streets of Kochi. And to welcome the spirit of the season Anjana Abraham( Mezzo Soprano) is here with her magical music .Music isn't just a set of notes but a way of expressing ones thoughts for Anjana Abraham. She sings with an extraordinary voice where the audience are taken to a mesmerizing world of versatility. Anjana is the founder and artistic director of Anpal Centre for Creative Arts Education in Kochi . She started this academy with a purpose of taking choral singing to a different level and also train children and talented mothers and bring to them to the limelight of singing. Anjana Abraham has a dream of making her academy unique with her innovative and novel ideas. Located in the heart of Kochi city,Anpal centre for Creative Arts Education is a haven to nurture a wide array of artistic aptitudes . The academy aims to focus on areas like music education ,performing arts, fine arts, contemporary arts, and professional development. The doors are open to learners of all age group and all levels of expertise. Anjana did her undergraduate education from Singapore Management University and graduated with a Master of Music in Music Education from the Boston Conservatory (M.M.Ed '17), where she was awarded the 'Promising New Music Teacher Award 2016 and the Music Education Award 2017.



Abraham has an honorary membership of The Association of Croatian Choral Directors. She was also granted the title of Maestra Mentor .She was invited to be an adjudicator at Aurora Cantat- an international choral competition. Apart from all this Anjana is also a choral conductor and singer (mezzo soprano).She also enjoys working with Church, Community and school choirs. She is the choir trainer and conductor for the Infant Jesus Church Choir. Her passion and dedication for music has taken her on travels to Poland, Russia, Indonesia, Czech Republic and Croatia.

As a part of the inaugural function of the musical academy , Anjana held a Christmas recital 'The Christmas Rose' on 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December at her music academy Anpal Centre . A set of twenty traditional ,classical and contemporary songs were performed to bring in the spirit of Christmas. . Anjana's mentor and music teacher Dr. Vinita Henson was also a part of the event. Dr Henson is the director of the Centre for Music Education in Bangalore, she is also the co-founder and director of the Music Education Program at the Bangalore Conservatory. She is also on the advisory board and is an adjunct faculty member at Anpal Centre. The accompanists for the program were Gavin Jones and Alvin Mathew D'couto. Anjana is also planning to host Screen Printing, Creative Writing, Piano Pedagogy workshop etc in the coming days.

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